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SUBJECT: RANGOON URANIUM SELLER: FINAL DISPOSITION

REF: A. 2008 RANGOON 749

[1](#)B. USDAO RANGOON II6 6 812 0131 08

[1](#)C. 2007 STATE 162091

Classified By: Classified by RSO William Mellott, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) On November 26, 2008 and December 4, 2008 DAO Rangoon tested the suspected material described in RefTels A and B. DAO Rangoon used an "identiFinder" Field Spectrometer that detected no evidence of radioactive material at the time of testing. The sample results were forwarded to WashDC for DoD and DoE analysis. DoD and DoE analysts were able to identify one low level Thorium peak, but nothing suspect or out of the ordinary was discovered in the analysis. Washington's assessment of the suspected material is that it is the same kind of earth/dirt found in a home garden. Based on the advice of DOE, DOD advised USDAO that the sample could be disposed of locally with no hazard to life, safety or health.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) On January 20, 2009, ARSO retrieved the sample material from the old Chancery and turned it over, on the spot, to the USDAO OpsNCO for disposal. RSO considers the incident and investigation closed.  
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